

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2006 ELECTIONS

The April 11, 2006, special election for the 35th Senate District may impact filing requirements for ALL state committees. Committees should refer to the appropriate 2006 filing schedule and campaign information manual for detailed information about filing requirements.

(Candidates running in the April 11 election: See the April 11/June 6 filing schedule for state candidates. State and county central committees: See the new April 11/June 6 filing schedule for political party committees.)

Q. Our state PAC made contributions totaling \$10,000 to candidates running in the April 11, 2006 special election. Must the committee file a supplemental pre-election statement on March 30?

A. No. Because state general purpose recipient committees are required to file regular pre-election statements during 2006, the supplemental pre-election statement (Form 495) is NOT required in connection with the April 11, 2006 election.

Q. When is the 90-day election cycle for purposes of filing 24-hour independent expenditure reports?

A. Committees required to file electronically with the Secretary of State must file an electronic report within 24 hours if they make independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a state candidate or state ballot measure beginning 90 days prior to the candidate or measure's election and ending on the date of the election.¹

The 90-day election cycles for 2006 are:

- April 11, 2006 Election: January 11, 2006 through April 11, 2006.
- June 6, 2006 Election: March 8, 2006 through June 6, 2006.
- November 7, 2006 Election: August 9, 2006 through November 7, 2006.

Q. What are the late contribution/late independent expenditure reporting periods?

A. Late contribution and late independent expenditure reports are required if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to candidates or primarily formed ballot measure committees, or if independent expenditures are made to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures, during the 16 days prior to the candidate or ballot measure's election. (Independent expenditures disclosed by electronic filers during the

¹ Committees controlled by candidates may not make independent expenditures and may not make contributions to other committees for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.

90-day election cycle described above are not required to be reported as “late independent expenditures.”)

In addition, late contribution reports are required for contributions totaling \$1,000 or more that are made to or received by **ANY** state or county central committee (political party committees) during the 16 days prior to **ANY** state election.

For state elections in 2006, the late reporting periods are:

- April 11, 2006 Election: March 26 through April 10.
- June 6, 2006 Election: May 21 through June 5 (includes the SD 35 special runoff election).
- November 7, 2006 Election: October 22 through November 6.

Q. What about issue advocacy reports?

A. A committee that makes a payment or a promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more during the 45-day period prior to a state election for a communication that clearly identifies a state candidate being voted on in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate, must file Form E530 electronically with the Secretary of State.

The 2006 issue advocacy reporting periods are:

- April 11, 2006 Election: February 25 through April 10.
- June 6, 2006 Election: April 22 through June 5.
- November 7, 2006 Election: September 23 through November 6.